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1. The reply filed on August 6, 2001, paper no. 10, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). It is noted that Applicant provisionally elected with traverse Group VI, claim 9, for further prosecution. However, Applicant amended claim 9 such that the claim now encompasses detection of the expression of multiple patentably distinct genes. Specifically, claim 9 was previously drawn to detection of expression of "a gene encoding BCH1," whereas the claim as now amended requires detection of expression of "one or more genes selected from the group consisting of a gene comprising the nucleic acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 51, 23 or a fragment thereof". The specification discloses that SEQ ID NO: 23 is a polynucleotide encodes a BCH1 polypeptide, and therefore Group VI as presented in the restriction requirement of paper no. 8 encompasses detection of this SEQ ID NO. However, the specification teaches that SEQ ID NO: 51 is a polynucleotide encoding a patentably distinct polypeptide, BCJ7. The different nucleic acids now recited in claim 9 are distinct for the same reasons given in paragraph 3 of the Office action of paper no. 8, which required applicant to elect a single patentably distinct gene or protein. Accordingly, for the same reasons given in paragraph 3 of the Office action of paper no. 8, Applicant is required to elect a single SEQ ID NO from those recited in amended claim 9. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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